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THE VACATION OVER.
As announced in my issue of May 31, I just had to have a rest. The only way I could get it was to shut up shop. It was the busy month for farmers and I knew they would have very little time to read and would, therefore, miss the paper least. To fill in the gap I had the Appeal to Reason sent to my readers during this period. This seems to have given very general satisfaction, yet some were dissatisfied. They wanted the Kicker. To these I will say that if they will call my attention to it when they renew, I will extend their time one month, or refund the price of a month's subscription—ten cents.

Because of the auditing muddle people were anxious for the Kicker. Some insisted that I get out just one issue and tell about it. But I rested easy—knowing that it would be left for the Kicker to give the facts.

Returning from Chicago I was pleased to find in the Cape Republican a lengthy notice of which the following is a part:

"Phil's vacation came at the wrong time, it seems to us. For a long time he has been trying to get the county court to have experts audit the county's books. Not long ago Stoddard county issued its annual financial statement and Phil read exactly how much money was in each fund on the last day of 1912. When the Scott county statement was published in his paper a few weeks ago he audited it and says he couldn't find out at all how much money was in any fund on December 31, 1912. Then he says he wrote a letter to members of the county court telling them he would give a new hat if any man could find out through the financial statement how much money the county has. This seems to have started the ball to rolling. The county court got busy and hired experts to audit the books. Then the office holders got busy and got the Democratic state auditor to help out on their job and the auditors have been unable to get the books. Phil says it looks mighty strange to him that any public official would be opposed to having his books audited, but he is not judging any sleep now. He will write a few lines on the subject when he begins to issue his paper again. The Kicker and the Democratic ring in Scott county have some great times."

Regarding the hat story, the reporter evidently misunderstood me. I wrote only to one member of the court—Judge Bowman. He has not yet called for the hat.

However, I am perfectly willing to include the other members of the court in the hat proposition, not even barring the county clerk who prepared the statement.

DEATH OF MARSHALL ARNOLD.
In my last issue I announced the serious illness of Marshall Arnold. Two weeks later, June 14, he passed away in his 65th year.

Perhaps no other man past or present, stood so high in the estimation of our people as Mr. Arnold. He was brilliant, honest and a man of the people. He was true to a friend and tolerant with an enemy.

I mean a political enemy. I don't believe he had any other kind. And even these respected him and were his personal friends. For more than 30 years he was the dominant force in the politics of the county. This would have been impossible had he not respected the wishes of the people and been one of them. He felt more at home with Bill Smith in his overalls than with Dave Francis in his broadcloth.

Since his retirement from active politics the county has been afflicted with a sort of "equatorial sovereignty" or carpet bag rule that has proved both expensive and oppressive, and the masses are much dissatisfied with the high-handed methods often employed in over-riding the popular will. In his days of power Marshall Arnold would never have approved building a court house over the protests of the people, nor would he have sanctioned the attempt to take from the county court the right to audit the books.

For many years we were in close touch politically. This relation was severed several years ago, but I never heard of his abusing me in speech or otherwise. He respected the religious and political views of others and among his supporters and friends were Catholics, protestants, Democrats and Republicans. In fact, it was a combination of all of these that gave him his first public office—prosecuting attorney of Scott county—some 40 years ago. Later he was sent to the state legislature and to congress.

He was a lawyer of the old school when lawyers were regarded in a different light as now. For many years he enjoyed the largest practice of any lawyer in this end of the state, yet his worldly possessions never passed the very moderate stage.

People from far and near came to pay their last tribute of respect and his funeral was perhaps the largest ever held in Benton.

FOR SALE OR RENT.
My farm of 240 acres, 3 miles northeast of New Hamburg, between Chaffee and New Hamburg, known as the old Thomas farm—120 acres in cultivation.

Whitney Belles, Chaffee, Mo.

THE CO-RESPONDENT?

Things do happen queer sometimes. Early in June E. M. Moore, ex-deputy recorder, filed a divorce suit, and report says he named a very prominent and dignified public official as co-respondent. A co-respondent is one who is accused of having interfered with the marriage relation. The allegations against the co-respondent are said to be very sensational, and street rumor has it that Mr. Moore will also ask damages in no small amount.

After hearing much talk I was reminded of what County Clerk McPheeters once said to me, that "when you want the facts, go to the records." So I went to Circuit Clerk Arnold and asked to see the petition. HE REFUSED TO LET ME SEE IT.

What do you know about that—anyhow? When I related my experience to a group of Cape county attorneys, one asked, "What was his reason for doing that?" "They don't have to give reasons for doing or not doing things in Scott county."

"That reminds me," said the lawyer, "of a fellow in jail who sent for his lawyer. After he had related his story the lawyer said, 'Why, they can't put you in jail for that!'"

"By G—d, you see they did do it, don't you?" retorted the man behind the bars.

But I am perfectly satisfied with this arrangement. The alleged co-respondent is one of those clean-looking chaps who looks nice and tells you that Socialism stands for free love and agn religion. And since an effort is being made in official circles to shield him I will just let you take a rough guess at which one of the patriots is charged with bending the seventh commandment. Of the affair the Cape Republican says:

"Some Cape people may be dragged in as witnesses, according to rumors. It is said that a Cape hotel man, and probably others, have been questioned concerning certain occupants of rooms, and it is even said that depositions have been taken."

I am perfectly willing to let it go at that. If you are interested and want further information, go to the circuit clerk's office—as I did—and don't get it. And when you meet a prominent county official from Benton, sorter hold your nose and ask him if he is the co-respondent.

EDITOR GOES TO MEETING.

For a long time the rural papers have been telling of the great revival meetings in different counties and how the "evangelists" and their singers were attracting converts.

I was at the Cape recently and all over town were posters and show-cards telling of Rev. McConnell's meetings at the Tabernacle in regular circus style.

I decided to go. The meeting had been in progress for over two weeks and I thought things ought to be getting pretty warm.

Revels are often financed by the "good" capitalists of the county, and the "evangelist" must be assured that he gets his before he sets out on the soul-saving business. If there is anything left after expenses are paid and the "evangelist" gets his, then the "good" business men get a dividend. In other words, it is a plain business proposition.

The tabernacle was a temporary frame structure of large size and would seat many people quite comfortably—say 3,000 to 4,000. The seats were about half filled. In the rear was a large stage on which were about 50 young girls, then a clerk and it sounded like a band to spend the evening.

The music and singing I enjoyed and was hoping for a good sermon. After the collection Rev. McConnell appeared. The most commendable thing about his sermon was its shortness. He did not say a thing that I had not heard over and over again. Being in Cape Girardeau he didn't even cuss the saloon much. Too many of Cape's most prominent citizens are engaged in that business. The only difference I could discover between this "evangelist" and a cross-roads preacher was that he had on better clothes and used more polished language.

Like most sermons of today, the sermon that I heard at the Cape had little or no relation to Christianity. It dealt with David and Bathsheba—the ancient people of the Old Testament—and occasionally the minister would ring in the "Lord Jesus Christ," just as the Democrats ring in the name of Thomas Jefferson to give their pretenses color.

The meeting at the Cape continued for a month and was a financial failure.

M. M. ALDRICH.
State organizer will handle Socialism in plain English. He will explain why poverty exists in a land of wealth and plenty, at Rockview, July 19; Chaffee, 20; Illmo, 22; Fornfelt, 23. Hear him. Everybody invited.

The capitalists distribute among the voters cheap cigars and booze to degrade and muddle their minds. The Socialists distribute literature—brain food—to clear up and develop the mind.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
The Misses Mary and Hannah Twilman, from St. Louis, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Frank Schoen, of Texarkana, who was here visiting his mother, Mrs. Rosina Schoen, returned home Saturday.

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COUNTY COURT DOINGS.

County court was in session Monday. In the article on the county auditing muddle on the first page I mentioned that the court had refused to release County Attorney McWilliams from assisting Attorneys Finch and Bailey in proceeding against the officials who refused to surrender their books. That was put in type Monday and the information was gained from an official. The record shows that the court granted the request and released McWilliams.

Allowances.—T. E. Sitton, blacksmithing, \$20.40; Democrat, printing, 23.15; Wm. Ellis, expense of Geo. Hopper, \$50.50; Chris. Heiserer, overseer, \$68.70; M. S. Murray, highway engineer, \$362.10; Wm. Mobley, overseer, \$48.45; T. E. Chearning, overseer, \$87; Geo. E. Jacobs, overseer, \$66.40; Matthews and Mobley, bridge lumber, \$115.92; Carter brothers, bridge lumber, \$25.902; Peter Compas, road supplies, \$4.95; Walb. Bros., ditching, \$1,875.86; J. W. Moore, overseer, \$77.19; J. T. Misset, lumber, \$11.76; Sam Worley, hauling, \$3.75; Boardman & Fry, contractors drain ditch 6, \$450. C. A. Walb, contractors in ditch 10, \$3,048.50; J. E. Warner, Engineer ditch 10, \$390.90; also \$21.25 balance as highway engineer.

Pettit jurors for the August term are Don Wagoner and Henry Sanders of Commerce; G. B. Clippard and J. M. Tisdale, Sandywoods; Wm. Michael, Trappapitt; John Matthews, Jr., E. C. Matthews, J. E. Sutton, A. B. Martin, J. E. Mayse, Wm. Fisher, Richard; J. W. Arbaugh, C. F. Porter, O. Sexton, Morley; Joe Kiefer, A. J. McFadden, Sylvia; Ben Huber, Lawrence Hagen, E. E. Smith, Moreland; August Roedemeyer, Gustave Hilleman, Henry Peetz, Geo. Roth, Louis Dumey, Kelsos.

Corporate limits of Benton extended to take in public school property. Ed. Harrison admitted to State Sanatorium as county patient.

HERE AND YONDER.

Bank failures are getting mighty thick these days. Monday the next largest bank in Pittsburg went under with \$3,000,000 of the people's money on deposit. A press dispatch says, "Hundreds of depositors, many of them foreigners employed in the great steel mills, flocked to the bank early, but a squad of police kept everyone moving. 'The First National Bank of McKeesport, Pa., also closed its doors Monday.'"

Frank Essner, of near Ellis, will queer things happen these days. In Fort Smith, Arkansas, a man was sentenced to church instead of the work-house or jail. That is a new sort of punishment.

The prisoner is to go to church every Sunday for three months and is to the minister to prove that he was being to the mayor a report from there. Perhaps it would be too hard on the mayor to go to church also to see that the sentence was carried out.

A press dispatch from Denver, Colo., announces that "a baby pig is the latest society pet. Mrs. Whitney Newton, prominent in society here, is the owner of the baby pig, of which she is very proud. Its skin is washed, combed and perfumed every day and it sleeps in a downy bed every night near its mistress."

B. Hugh Smith, our former school superintendent, has located in Benton with his family. He is now a practicing attorney and will probably enter the race next year for the Democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney.

Mrs. Marie Coleman, an ardent, of Trenton, Mo., was killed while making a parachute leap at a picnic at Poplar Bluff on the Fourth. The parachute failed to open and she fell over 200 feet. The modern Fourth consists of little else than casualties and drunks.

I spent part of my vacation chasing after somebody to relieve me of at least one of those \$10 gold pieces. Nobody wanted them. There must be some mistake about the people needing money—or else everybody is convinced that the "lot" was a frame-up of the rawest type.

Emil Schott, who moved from near Chaffee to Cottonwood, Idaho, writes: "I like this country out here fine. The farmers are all busy plowing for spring wheat. They also plant winter wheat and barley out here."

Did you get full of patriotism, or booze, on the Fourth? It seems that booze is necessary to generate what passes for patriotism—whoopee! It also helps to celebrate the birth of what passes for Christianity.

A revival meeting was begun here Sunday. It is to be hoped that some of the old breaks can be repaired.

Frank Essner, of near Ellis, will have a sale of his personal property July 22. His son, Eugene, will take charge of the farm, continue to reside there.

After a 3-weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farris, Mrs. Zack Gordon returned to Illmo Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Worley went to Illmo Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. McFadden.

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Solomon Diebold.

The party at George Eftink, was well attended.

There was a crowd of young and old folks at Joe Hahns Sunday.

FROM KELSOS.

The party at John Schlosser's Sunday evening was well attended. Those present, Dick Weiler, Edward Seyer, Ernest Ross, Frank Rains, Otto Blattie, Paul and Albert Dumey, Charly Zeagler, John Compas, Joe, Otto and Albert Ende and the Misses Regina, Paulina and Katie Blattie, Paulina Leble, Anna and Alma Heuring, Lula Dumey, Bertha and Julia Ende, Louisa and Lovina Schlosser. All had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Ross and baby, of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. E. Andrews and children and Mrs. Hahn of Dutchtown spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of Isaac Ross.

Otto Miller and wife of near Alleville and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Enderle and children Sunday with the family of John Enderle.

Miss Anna Heuring is staying at Cape Girardeau and Miss Regina Blattie, who was at Jackson for a few weeks is home.

Ben Enderle and family have returned from St. Louis and located here, and say there is no place like home.

FROM FORNFELT.

Little Willie McGaugh had a wild west experience Wednesday of last week. He lassoed a freight train and was dragged about 100 feet. The little fellow had one end of the rope fastened around his body and could not release it. He sustained many bruises and considerable loss of skin, but was not seriously hurt. Had not Switchman Vancil seen the boy he would have been dragged to death.

Jack Kinder met with a serious accident at the coal chute last week. While supplying an engine with coal he got his head caught between the chutes and was unconscious for some time, but is recovering.

Robt. Hillemann has returned from a months' visit to relatives in Miles City, Mont. He says Miles City is one of the most beautiful of Western cities with a population of about 9,000.

Adolph and Carl Hillemann of this place, and Chris. Lovis of Cape have returned from Dawson Springs, Ky. They say they feel much better.

The Fornfelt Realty Co. has taken an option on Jacob Enderle's farm at \$175 per acre, and on the Frank Compas farm at \$125 per acre.

The Misses Beaulah and Totay Sauer, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMullen, left Sunday for their home at Jonesboro, Ark.

The Fornfelt Realty Co. purchased the Herman Uelsmann farm of 44 1-2 acres for \$3,300.

Henry Roedemeyer of Anceel returned from the Cape hospital last week much improved.

Miss Minnie Lipps, who was taken to the Cape hospital, is back, much improved.

FROM ILLMO.

On June 20th the stork visited the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Albrecht and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Elbert and left a fine baby boy at each place.

The old Rock church has been torn down and the stones are being used to make the foundation and basement for a new church.

Grandma Sander won the prize of a pair of \$4.00 shoes for being the oldest lady at the train men's picnic on the 4th.

Illmo is building an addition to the Public School, to be ready for next term of school. Illmo will have 5 teachers next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bayers of the Cape were down last Sunday to visit her mother Mrs. Aug. Musbach, who's sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sprenger, Miss Anna Albrecht and Lulu went to the Cape in their auto Sunday evening.

Adam Sander and family and Dave Sander and family visited their sister Mrs. Betts here Sunday.

The train men of Illmo gave a big picnic at Lightner's Park July 4 and 5. It was a great success.

Dr. Mayfield is building a fine brick residence east of the Bank. The Lutheran teacher's new residence is about completed.

The farmers are busy threshing now.

FROM CHAFFEE.

While carrying a sack of peas over a plank to a wagon one day last week, John Arnheim fell and broke a leg.

C. H. Osborne, A. J. S. Eldridge and U. R. Eldrod and son were at Benton Saturday.

A niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs is here from Blomeyer visiting there.

The 2-acre pond of the Dishar Hoop & Lumber Co. is about finished.

August Sanders sold \$635 worth of cattle to John Arnheim.

In a ball game Sunday Chaffee defeated Cape 5 to 0.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.

T. M. Strayhorn was at Benton Monday. His brother, R. C. Strayhorn, who recently returned from Arkansas in very poor health, is gaining strength.

Mrs. Dick Taylor and children visited her mother, Aunt Polly Raney, at Oran, last week.

The Misses Mary and Gladys Finley are visiting their uncle in Oklahoma.

Threshing is about over in this neighborhood and the yield is good. Uncle Polk Randol of Morley attended Sunday school here Sunday.

A fine girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Foster on July 6.

Mrs. Ed. Moore visited her mother at Oran Saturday.

Mr. Randles of Malden was here Sunday.

A SPECIAL SALE

OF Seasonable Merchandise

Will be Conducted During the Next 10 Days at
Baudendistel's, Fornfelt, Mo.
Beginning Saturday, July 12th.

Just a Few Prices to Show You What I will do all Along Down the Line.

Granulated Sugar, 100 lbs., \$5.00
25c. per lb. good value coffee, 20c.
8-lb. can saur kraut, 3 cans, 25c.
9 Bars good Laundry Soap, 25c.
Good 40c. Brooms go at only 25c.
6 Boxes Gold Dust Powder, 25c.

HATS FOR ALL.

Men's regular \$1.25 silk hats go at this sale for only95c.
Men's regular 75c. silk hats go at this sale for only50c.
Men's regular \$2.00 black hats go with the rest at only\$1.00.
Men's \$2.50 Black Hats, let the tail go with the sale,\$1.50.
Regular \$2.00 and \$3.00 straw hats, up-to-date, go at\$1.50.
Regular \$1.75 straw hats, \$1.15.

DRESS GOODS.

A lot of regular 50c. voils at 15c.
A lot of wash goods, worth from 25c. to 35c. per yard, at18c.
A lot of Silk Gingham, the 25c. per yard kind, will go at 15c.

CLOSING OUT SCREEN DOORS

PAINTS AND OILS.

Regular \$1.50 screen doors, \$1.10.
Regular \$1.75 screen doors, \$1.35.
Regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 screen doors, fine quality, go at \$1.65.
Rare bargains in screen wire.
A lot of 2 and 3-burner Blue Flame Oil Stoves will be closed out AT COST.
Good boiled Linseed Oil, per gallon, come and get it at70c.
All Sherwin-Williams Paints, per gallon, only\$1.75.
Mason's Fruit Jars, pints,45c.
Mason's Fruit Jars, quarts,55c.
Mason's Fruit Jars, half gall., 80c.

BARGAINS IN SHOES.

Mens' Oxford Lace Shoes, regular \$3.00 and \$4.00 values, at \$2.75.
Mens' Oxford Lace Shoes, regular \$4.00 and \$5.00 values, at \$3.50.
Ladies' Oxford Lace Shoes, regular \$2.50 kind, at this sale,\$1.75.
Ladies' Oxford Lace Shoes, regular \$3.50 kind, go at this sale, \$2.75.

All telephone orders will receive Prompt Attention

Come early. You will Profit by so doing. We buy all kinds of Produce and pay the highest market price. Yours for Trade,

A. BAUDENDISTEL, - FORNFELT.

FROM ORAN.

The celebration here on the Fourth was a very pleasant affair. There was plenty to eat and drink and various amusements.

The feature of the day was a game of ball between Chaffee and Oran. It was perhaps the best game ever played in the county. Played in the eighth inning neither side had scored. In the 8th each side scored and in the 9th only Chaffee scored—ending the game 2 to 1 in favor of Chaffee.

The auditing muddle has caused a stir among the supporters of the patriots here. They say the county court had no right to take the matter in hand. Then what becomes of the Democrat's slogan, "Shall the people rule?" Who is nearest to the people of Scott county, our county court, or the state auditor?

It was surprising the way the Kicker was missed during the past few weeks and we impatiently await its arrival this week. At the post office a man said his children were lonesome without it—and that all wanted to read it first when it came.

Thus Chearning of Sandywoods was here Monday.

Frank Enderle was at Kelsos Saturday.

FROM LONE ROCK.

Mrs. John Beckel, son and daughter, of Cape Girardeau, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Heeb.

H. Beckel and sister, Miss Edith of Cape Girardeau called on Miss Beatrice Howell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Howell, of Matthews, who have been visiting relatives in this vicinity returned home Monday accompanied by the former's little brother and sister.

Wm. Arnold the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Plus Halter died the 29th and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Oran.

The Misses Iona Blocker and Beatrice Howell and Gus Paris attended the ball game at Chaffee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Owens of Alleville spent a few days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pobst.

C. T. Wolf and a friend from Chaffee spent one day last week on Caney creek fishing.

John Bohogne's horse ran away the other night and damaged his buggy considerably.

Most of the farmers are through threshing wheat.

FROM RANDLES.

Mrs. Joe Schlosser and son August were at Chaffee last week. Entering Leo's butcher shop they noticed Leo had a smile on his face that wouldn't rub off. Presently the smile widened and Leo said, "I've got a new butcher boy at home."

The big mill of T. J. Beardsie burned to the ground Sunday. Everything under the shed was destroyed, but the lumber around the mill was unharmed.

The barbeque here given by E. M. Jones on the Fourth was well

attended, though several from here went to Derry, Alleville, Oran, and Illmo.

Randles and Perkins crossed bats at Perkins June 29. Five innings were played. Score, 9 to 2 in favor of weans.

Leo Bollinger, who is working on a dredge boat in Pemiscot county, was home Saturday and Sunday.

Peter Bollinger and sons Otto and Albert were at Whitewater after wheat sacks last week.

While stepping over a log Frank Gray cut himself painfully in the knee and is confined to bed.

The Cotton Belt is hauling crushed rock, sand and dirt here for double tracking.

Chris. Himmelsbach has bought a tent and says he will reduce the high cost of living.

Randles and Gray played ball Sunday—24 to 2 in favor of Randles.

Charley Meyers now has charge of the post office.

Jesse Becklund was at Illmo Saturday.

FROM COMMERCE.

We are waiting to get the straight story of the auditing muddle through the Kicker. People talk about it, but don't seem to know what they are talking about.

The Sons of Rest continue to hold their daily meetings between the post office and DeWints drug store.

John Wahl came down from St. Louis to spend a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wahl.

Ralph Brundrett returned to St. Louis after a few days visit with home folks.

Mrs. Bennett and children, Grace and George, have returned from McCandy.

Ben Totty and Harve Pink have gone north to see if it is any better there.

Grandma Edmonds and grand children are visiting relatives at Illmo.

Lawrence Martin and Charly Trunkler visited at Oran last week. After a few days visit Lenard Holle returned home to St. Louis.

Miss Maggie Clymer is home after a few days visit at Illmo.

Many from here enjoyed the excursion on the Fourth.

Mrs. Viola Pierce visited at Cape Girardeau last week.

Miss Maud Wilcox visited home folks last week.

The train butchered a fine hog for Mr. Peil.

Mrs. J. C. Hayes visited at Cairo Tuesday.

PUBLIC SALE.

Tuesday, July 22, at my home, 3 miles east of Benton, on Benton and Commerce road I will sell five work mules, two mares 6 and 7 years old, a three-year-old mare, 6 milk cows, two with calves